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(57) Abstract: A coating for a medical device, particularly for a drug eluting stent, is described. The coating can include a polyacrylate, a blend of polyacrylates, or a blend of the polyacrylate with other polymers, for example, poly(ethylene-covinyl alcohol).

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1. claims: 1-9

A coating for an implantable medical device, comprising a thermoplastic polyacrylate material free from acetate species and a therapeutically active agent incorporated therein.

2. claims: 10-27

A coating for an implantable medical device, the coating comprising a first layer having an active agent incorporated therein and a second layer disposed over the first layer, wherein the second layer comprise a thermoplastic polyacrylate material for modifying the rate of release of the agent.

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